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### Remembering Bataan POWs

# Holloman gets ready for annual march

by retired Spc. James Matise

Sunburst staff writer

Team Holloman Airmen are getting ready for the marathon-length Bataan Memorial Death March, held every year at White Sands Missile Range to commemorate the thousands of U.S. and Allied prisoners of war who suffered through one of the most famous atrocities committed during World War II.

Team Holloman traditionally gives a strong show of support for the march, both by participating in the march and volunteering to help run the march, said Ms. Sue Staub, WSMR project officer.

"There's always a strong participation from Holloman among both the military and civilians," she said. "We're indebted to the support we receive from Holloman."

Approximately 75 members from the German air force stationed at Holloman have also signed up to take part in the march, she said.

"Right now we have 723 individuals and 47 teams signed up," Ms. Staub said. "Typically, they represent



Photo by Mr. Tom Moore

### Survivors of the Bataan Death March greet memorial march participants at the start line during the 2005 march at White Sands Missile Range.

at least 40 states and seven foreign countries, and we're very grateful for that."

Last year, over 3,000 people participated in the march, she said.

The 26.2-mile route starts on the WSMR main post, crosses hilly desert terrain, circles a small mountain and returns to the main post through sandy desert trails and washes. The elevation ranges from about 4,100 to 5,300 feet. The route is dusty, sandy and dry.

The range has hosted the march annually since 1989, except for 2003 when most would-be participants were deployed at the onset of

Operation Iraqi Freedom. The march commemorates the week-long forced march endured by thousands of American and Filipino prisoners of war captured by Japanese soldiers during the fall of the Philippine Islands at the start of World War II

The story of Bataan began on the famous "date of infamy" that brought the U.S. into World War II. The Japanese began the invasion of the Philippine Islands on Dec. 8, 1941, the same day – taking the International Date Line into account – that Pearl Harbor was bombed.

Approximately 120,000 poorly-armed Filipino troops, augmented by 22,000 U.S. troops of the Philippine Division and about 8,500 National Guardsman, defended the Luzon island group against approximately 120,000 Japanese soldiers. Among these units were the 200th Coast Artillery (Antiaircraft) Regiment and its "child," the 515th Coast Artillery Regiment, both of the New Mexico National Guard.

"New Mexico lost more people per capita than any

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### African-American heritage and American heritage are one

**by Lt. Gen. Frank G. Klotz**Air Force Space Command vice commander

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. - In the 1920s, Dr. Carter G. Woodson concluded that if African Americans were to take their rightful place in society, young Americans of all races needed to learn about African-American contributions to our history and culture.

In 1926, he launched the first Black History Week. Today, a movement that originally began in churches and schoolrooms is observed across America as African-American Heritage Month.

Dr. Woodson felt African-American heritage should be remembered and celebrated by more than just one segment of the American population. African-American history is America's history, shared by and affecting all citizens of our great country regardless of background or individual experiences.

The accomplishments and contributions of African-Americans to our society, to our culture and to our identity as a nation are numerous and varied. We'd be hard pressed to find any facet of American life that has not been shaped and immeasurably enriched by their knowledge, wisdom and talents.

In literature, you'll find Ralph Ellison's "Invisible Man" and James Baldwin's "Go Tell It on the Mountain" on the modern library's list of the best novels in the English language. Toni Morrison's "Beloved" won the 1988 Pulitzer Prize in fiction. Five years later, she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize as one "who gives life to an essential aspect of American reality."

The late Ray Charles was honored with eight Grammy Awards last year. African-Americans have pioneered sounds and styles in music that have influenced virtually every aspect of the American music scene.

Theater and film have also been greatly influenced by powerful performances by

African-Americans. The late Ossie Davis received Kennedy Center honors in 2004 for a lifetime of achievement in the arts.

Beyond the arts, African-American scientists, inventors and engineers such as George Washington Carver, Elijah McCoy and Benjamin Banneker have helped unleash the tremendous resources of our country.

Yet in my mind, the most important contributions of famous African-Americans have been in the realm of political ideals and moral values. Perhaps I feel this way because my own academic training is in political history and philosophy. Perhaps it's also because my generation witnessed firsthand the vision, courage and persistence that the great civil rights leaders displayed in confronting the evils of segregation and racial inequality.

In pursuit of this noble mission, the tenets of a moral philosophy have been established that will inspire and inform Americans of all races on how to conduct themselves for generations to come. Let me suggest a few examples particularly relevant to those of us who serve in our nation's armed forces.

In his famous 1963 "I Have a Dream" speech, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, "We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline. We must not allow our creative protest to degenerate into physical violence. Again and again, we must rise to the majestic heights of meeting physical force with soul force."

I think the example of Lt. Gen. Benjamin O. Davis Jr.'s experience at West Point in the 1930s illustrates this point beautifully. General Davis was the only African-American cadet in his class. He entered the academy mindful that no other African-American had graduated since Charles Young, nearly 50 years earlier. From the outset, his classmates actively shunned him. Yet he remained resolute in his determination and did not falter.

He ultimately graduated in the top 15 percent of his West Point class, was commissioned a second lieutenant in the infantry,

became the first African-American officer to solo in an Army Air Corps aircraft, commanded the famous Tuskegee Airmen who flew fighters in the European Theater during World War II and never lost an American bomber to an enemy aircraft in more than 200 escort missions and became the first African-American to wear an Air Force star. His life and service so powerfully demonstrate that whatever challenge we may personally or professionally confront, we can achieve truly magnificent things if we maintain our dignity and discipline.

Dr. King also talked about how every job was important, and everyone should do his or her particular job to the absolute best of his or her ability. He said, "Whatever your life's work is, do it well."

His point speaks directly to us in the profession of arms. Everyone in a military organization is vitally important to the success of the mission. No job is any more or less important than any other job in our outfit. No matter what your assigned task, you should do it as if someone else's life or welfare depended on it--because it probably does!

African-Americans have demonstrated that they were willing to fight for what they knew to be true, even at the cost of their personal safety and their lives. Through courage and self-sacrifice, they advanced the cause for equality--individually and en masse.

During the Battle of the Bulge in World War II, when front-line troops were thinning under the German assault, a call went out to African-American units for volunteers to reinforce the lines. More than 4,000 men answered the call. Their performance in battle won the respect of all and drove another wedge into the barrier of segregation.

Dr. King perhaps said it best when he remarked "There are some things so dear, some things so precious, and some things so eternally true, that they're worth dying for ... if a man has not discovered something that he will die for, he isn't fit to live." – (AFPN)

### **DUI** Update

Days since last DUI

DUIs this year

This week last year

### Last six DUIs

• 49th FW Jan. 31

• 49th CS Dec. 30

• 49th OSS Dec. 29

• 49th MSS Dec. 26

• 49th MMS Dec. 25

• 49th AMXS Dec. 1

### 572-RIDE works!

Calls made are lives saved

**60** Saves this year

**12** Saves this week



High: 63 Low: 37 TODAY



High: 61 Low: 35 SATURDAY



High: 63 Low: 37 SUNDAY



High: 60 Low: 28 MONDAY

Weather forecast provided by the 49th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight.

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### NEWS

# New personnel system presents opportunities

by Ms. Samantha Quigley
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The Department of Defense's new National Security Personnel System is on track for initial implementation.

"We're still on track to deploy folks into Spiral 1.1 in April," Ms. Mary Lacey, National Security Personnel System program executive, said Feb. 9. "We've got over 11,000 non-union employees that are going in."

The NSPS program executive office designed the system for a staggered implementation based on a spiral model, she said. The approach has lead to delays, she said, but this has given the office a chance to tweak the program as it builds.

The purpose of the spiral model used to introduce NSPS is to build a little, test a little and learn a lot, Ms. Lacey said.

The most recent implementation delay was caused by a need to take another look at the system's evaluation system. Ms. Lacey said it was robust but hard to understand and put into operation.

Some of whom will be affected have expressed hesitation over changes it will bring, even if the changes are good for them, Ms. Lacey said. She said that communication and training will help ease these fears.

"Conversations need to happen very, very frequently. Employees will be demanding more of their supervisors' time," she said. "If you find the time, while it's painful the first year, you will get paybacks forever."

Supervisors also should set level expectations for employees, Ms. Lacey said. Employees need to realize not everyone is a star performer every year.

"When supervisors are giving their people feedback throughout the year, they need to talk in NSPS terms," she said. "A '3' is not a bad evaluation. That's a great, solid evaluation."

Evaluation ratings are based on a scale of 1 to 5, with the former number being an unsuccessful evaluation and the latter a "role model" assessment.

Under the system, evaluations will determine an employee's compensation. The system's three pay bands allow flexibility to adjust salaries and compensation to be competitive with the civilian sector, Ms. Lacey said. – (AFPN)

### Holloman NSPS training scheduled

by Tech. Sgt. Ray Bowden 49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A commander's call for wing civilian personnel and their supervisors to introduce the National Security Personnel System is scheduled for 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Tuesday at the base theater.

NSPS training has been scheduled for appropriated fund civilians during the last week of February and first two weeks of March.

"The purpose of the training is to help personnel cope with change from one system to another," said Mr. George Roddy, chairman of the change management NSPS training subcommittee.

Change management training for senior leadership is scheduled for 9 a.m. Feb. 28 in the 49th Fighter Wing Conference Room and for supervisors at 1 p.m. Feb. 28 in the base theater.

The training for civilian employee's course consists of change management sessions and communications sessions. The change management class will be held at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. March 2 and March 7 at the base theater.

The communications training is scheduled for 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. March 14 and March 16 in the base theater.

Questions may be directed to Mr. Roddy at 572-3101.

### Department of Defense updates equipment reimbursement policy

WASHINGTON – Defense Department officials announced Tuesday the revision of a memorandum on the policy and procedures for the reimbursement of privately purchased protective equipment for operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

The memo, signed Feb. 10 by Mr. David Chu, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, incorporates the original guidance published Oct. 4, 2005, expands the list of reimbursable equipment and extends the eligible purchase period for reimbursement.

The full reimbursable equipment list now includes:

- Complete ballistic vests
- Most component parts of ballistic vests, including side-plate body armor
  - Helmets
  - · Ballistic eye protection

- Hydration systems
- Gloves
- Knee pads
- Elbow pads
- Bed insect netting and insect repellent
- Reflective vests

The eligible purchase period is now Sept. 11, 2001, through April 1, 2006, as required by the fiscal year 2006 National Defense Authorization Act. The previous memo only covered purchases from Sept. 11, 2001, to July 31, 2004.

To be reimbursed for equipment, servicemembers must complete DD Form 2902, "Claim for Reimbursement for Privately Purchased Protective, Safety or Health Equipment used in Combat." This form must be submitted to the servicemember's chain of command or for former members, to an authorizing official designated by their former service at an address on the form. All claims must be submitted by Oct. 3.

The original memo states that the military will reimburse servicemembers for the cost, including shipping, of any protective, safety or health equipment that was purchased by them or by another person on their behalf for the servicemember's personal use during deployment.

To be eligible for reimbursement, the equipment must be on the approved list of shortage equipment, and the servicemember must not have been issued equivalent government-provided equipment before they engaged in imminent danger or hostile fire operations, the original memo states.

Reimbursement for any one item is limited to \$1,100 and any equipment servicemembers are reimbursed for becomes property of the U.S. government. - (AFPN)

Department of Defense regulation on cell phone usage in POVs, GOVs is scheduled to go into effect.

According to the DoD Joint Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision Regulation, paragraph 4.2, "Vehicle operators on a DoD installation and operators of government owned vehicles will not use cell phones unless the vehicle is safely parked or they are using hands-free device. The wearing of any other portable headphones, earphones or other listening devices (except for hands-free cellular phones) while operating a motor vehicle is prohibited.

### **BATAAN**

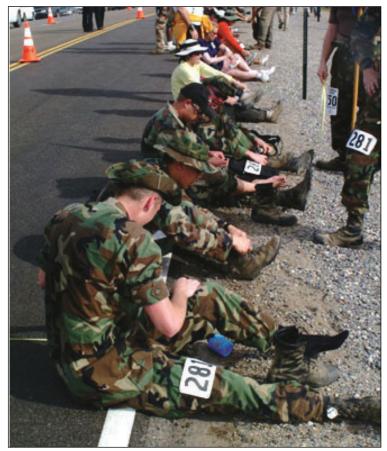


Photo by Mr. Tom Moore

Participants in the 2005 Bataan Memorial Death March stop along the route to tend to tired and blistered feet.

other state during World War II and a big part of that is due to Bataan," Ms. Staub said. "Out of 1,800 [New Mexico] soldiers who went to the Philippines, only 900 came home."

The U.S. had limited supplies and almost no aircraft, and the Pacific Fleet had been crippled at Pearl Harbor, so the defenders had to hold the islands on their own.

Overwhelmed by superior firepower, the defenders withdrew to the Bataan Peninsula on southern Luzon and made a final stand on the peninsula and on Corregidor Island to the south.

The U.S. and Filipino forces, starving, emaciated and exhausted, held out for months but were ultimately overwhelmed. On April 9, 1942, Maj. Gen. Edward P. King surrendered the surviving 70,000 troops at Bataan. Corregidor Island fell to the Japanese May 6.

The 200th and the 515th both distinguished themselves during the last stand at Bataan. "They were the first to fire and the last to lay down their arms, and only reluctantly doing so after being given a direct order," said Lt. Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright, commander of the North Luzon Corps, several months after the end of the war.

On April 10, the Japanese forced the captured troops at Bataan to begin a 62-mile march to a prisoner of war camp further north. The prisoners were denied food and water for several days and beaten repeatedly. Prisoners who fell

behind were summarily executed. Some escaped, but about 10,000 soldiers were killed and only 54,000 reached the camp. The 11,000 soldiers captured at Corregidor Island a month later suffered similar treatment.

Filipino prisoners were granted amnesty on June 6, 1942, but American prisoners of war were moved again and again, ultimately ending up in camps in Japan, Korea and Manchuria, where many suffered further atrocities through the end of the war. About 500 American and Allied POWs kept at the Cabanatuan prison camp in the Philippines were freed in 1945 by Army Rangers under the command of Gen. Douglas MacArthur as depicted in the 2005 motion picture "The Great Raid."

After the war, Japanese General Masaharu Hamma was convicted by an Allied commission on war crimes for his treatment of prisoners in the Philippines and executed in 1946.

April 9, Bataan Day, remains a Philippine national holiday.

Anyone still interested in registering for the march can do so on the Web at www.bataan-march.com through March 19.

"For registering, you get a T-shirt, dog tags, a continental breakfast and a meal upon conclusion of the march," Ms. Staub said. "You also get a certificate of completion."

The cost is \$45 for individuals or \$192 for each five-person team.

### Plans to increase TRICARE fees in place

### 'Sustaining the benefit' premium, co-pay increase proposal scheduled to be complete October 2008

In an effort to sustain military health benefits, Department of Defense officials recently proposed a plan that would increase TRICARE enrollment fees and deductibles for military retirees under the age of 65.

The "Sustaining the Benefit" proposal is scheduled to have a two year phase-in and would be complete by October 2008.

Prinicipal factors driving the increase are:

- New and expanded benefits authorized by Congress
- Increased use by previously non-reliant beneficiaries
- Private health care costs have increased by 62% in the last five years
- High utilization of services by DoD beneficiaries
- Rapid growth of DoD pharmacy program
- Increases in general health care inflation

If changes recommended by senior defense officials are adopted, annual enrollment fees for TRICARE Prime, the military's managed care option, would triple for working-age retired officers and double for enlisted retirees.

In addition, yearly deductibles for retirees using TRICARE Standard, the fee-for-service health insurance option, would double for officers and rise by a third for enlisted. Also, for the first time, retirees who use

TRICARE Standard would pay an enrollment fee in addition to their deductible.

Pharmacy co-payments would also be raised for all retirees and their families, regardless of age, if they use the retail drug network or the TRICARE mail order program to buy brand name drugs on the military formulary.

The aim of these initiatives is to slow the projected rise in military healthcare costs by as much as \$12 billion over five years and \$32 billion through fiscal year 2015. This would occur, proponents argue, by having working-age retirees pay a greater share of TRICARE costs and by encouraging others to switch to their employer-provided health insurance.

Mr. Bryan Whitman, Office of the Secretary of Defense public affairs deputy, said defense healthcare spending, if left unchecked, could reach \$64 billion by 2015, or 12 percent of total defense spending, endangering a prized benefit. In fiscal year 1995, he said, healthcare was only five percent of the defense budget.

TRICARE Prime enrollment fees of \$230 a year for individual coverage and \$460 for family coverage, and the TRICARE Standard deductible of \$150 (single) and \$300 (family) haven't been raised since they were set more than a decade ago. Mr. Whitman said this contributes to growth in department costs.

Budget documents contend the TRICARE fee structure is only one-third as costly to users as equivalent civilian plans.

For more information concerning the proposal, visit www. tricare.osd.mil/STB/index.cfm.

### On the side

- For a detailed chart showing the proposed TRICARE fees and changes, please refer to www. military.com/tricare chart
- Comments may be directed to Military Update, P.O Box 231111, Centreville. VA., 20120 or e-mail mil www.update@aol.com or visit www.military update.

### Missile flight test program targets new successes

**by Staff Sgt. Amy Robinson** *Air Combat Command Public Affairs* 

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. — The Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missile flight test program added two more successes to its record during recent tests conducted at White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

The program, one of Air Combat Command's priority programs, flew successful test flights at the missile range Jan. 25 from a B-1B Lancer and Jan. 27 from an F-16 Fighting Falcon. The missile's record now stands at 11 successes out of 13 shots since January 2005, and an overall success rate of 33 out of 43 flights.

During the flights, which tested reliability and affordability, the missiles accurately navigated planned waypoints and struck their intended targets successfully, said Maj. Gen. Jack Catton, ACC director of requirements.

"The JASSM weapon system

continues to demonstrate high reliability in flight and ground testing," General Catton said. "More and more units are gaining the capability to effectively employ the weapon system."

The continued development of the missile will add to the Air Force's capabilities to execute operations accurately and safely, he said. The missile is designed to destroy high-value, well-defended, fixed and re-locatable targets.

HOLLOMAN **SALUTES** 

Congratulations to the following Communications and Information winners for 2005

#### **Information Management**

Senior NCO: Master Sgt. Daniel Williams 49th Operations Group

NCO: Tech. Sgt. Reny Nunag 49th Fighter Wing

Airman: Senior Airman Jessica Waterhouse 49th Medical Operations Squadron

Civilian: Ms. Yolanda Cuevas 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron

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NCO: Staff Sgt. Ronald Nason 49th Communications Squadron

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#### Company Grade Officer Communications-Computer Systems

Capt. Mark Caudill 49th Communications Squadron

### Noncommissioned Officer Information Assurance

Tech. Sgt. Jason Abshire 49th Communications Squadron

### **Outstanding Installation Spec**trum Manager

Mr. George Royce 49th Communications Squadron

### **Visual Information**

NCO: Tech. Sgt. James Hart, Jr. 49th Communications Squadron

Airman: Airman 1st Class Neal Uranga 49th Communications Squadron

Congratulations to the following Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez award winners:

#### **Communications-Electronics** Field Grade Manager

Maj. Michael Redding 49th Communications Squadron

#### **Communications-Electronics** Company Grade Manager

Capt. Jennifer Boudreau 49th Communications Squadron

#### **Communications-Electronics Supervisor Manager**

Senior Master Sgt. Edward Gannaway 49th Communications Squadron (also 12th Air Force winner)

#### **Communications-Electronics** Technician Supervisor

Tech. Sgt. Odell Smith 49th Communications Squadron

#### **Communications-Electronics Technician**

Senior Airman Mark Sheldahl 49th Communications Squadron

#### Gen. Edwin W. Rawlings Team Award

49th Communications Squadron Classified Message Incident and Virus Team

Team members: Master Sgt. Randolph McIntyre Master Sgt. Joseph Casseus Tech. Sgt. Joseph Helferich Tech. Sgt. Jonathan Vetter Tech. Sgt. Jason Abshire Tech. Sgt. Gregory Drake Tech. Sgt. Diana Swallows Staff Sgt. Adam McCurdy Staff Sgt. Eduardo Garza, Jr. Staff Sgt. Joseph Garcia Staff Sgt. Crissy Pereira Staff Sgt. Patricia Ridge Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Patterson Staff Sgt. Nathan Ullman Staff Sgt. Eric Garcia Staff Sgt. Donald Cook Jr. Senior Airman Kristopher Johnson

Senior Airman Matthew Fritz Airman 1st Class Matthew Trem-

blay Airman 1st Class Aaron Steingi-

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### **HOLLOMAN SALUTES**



Congratulations to the following graduates of the NCO Professional Enhancement Course Feb. 10:

> 46th Test Group Staff Sgt. Donald L. Cook

#### 49th Communications Squadron

Staff Sgt. Samantha C. Francis Staff Sgt. Alvin E. Reed Staff Sgt. Nathan C. Ullman

#### 49th Maintenance Squadron

Staff Sgt. Ron A. Denson Staff Sgt. Scott L. Byrnes

#### 49th Materiel Maintenance **Support Squadron**

Staff Sgt. Troy A. Bizzack Staff Sgt. Brenda L. Teems

#### 49th Civil Engineer Squadron Staff Sgt. Kieth A. Lawson

Squadron Staff Sgt. Richard T. Henry Staff Sgt. Michaela Farrell

49th Services Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Joe T. Lancaster

**49th Operations Support** 

#### 49th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron

Tech. Kristina A. Harper

**NEWS** 

### Air Force Uniform Board panel approvals, deletions

Editor's note: Earlier this month, the 97th Air Force Uniform Board released their newest results for the proper wear of the uniform. The Sunburst published some of those guidelines in last week's issue. This is a continuation and conclusion of that article.

### WASHINGTON – Approvals:

- Women's mess dress jacket (redesign inside pocket and investigate possible front closure).
- •Modify women's service dress coat (reduce lapel width to accommodate ribbon visibility)
- Eliminate maternity jumper and design maternity service coat (reverses 96th AFUB)
- Investigate alternate fabrics for the maternity white formal shirt
- Increase the length of the sleeves on the maternity longsleeve shirt
- Authorize the use of the new Air Force utility uniform pattern for flight dress uniform
- Development of A-line skirt as primary mess dress skirt
  - Replacing the women's op-

tional service dress bucket hat with men's wheel service dress hat

• Authorizing women to wear oxfords, pumps and slip-on shoes with blue slacks and/or skirt

Disapprovals:

- Desinging women's mess dress pants
- Desinging optional wing-tip collar tuxedo shirt with men's mess dress uniform
- Adding button to long sleeve blue shirt between forearm and edge of sleeve
- Free alterations for female shirts
- Replacing the circles around the "U.S." for enlisted insignia
- Authorizing black only soft sole shoes for personnel on profile
- Making mandatory the wear of tie tab with sweater
- Authorizing blue socks with female service uniform
- Authorizing the wear of gold star pin on Air Force uniform
- Authorizing wear of sister/ joint service badges/insignias on battle dress uniforms or new Air Force utility uniform
  - Authorizing the permanent

wear of Army air assault function badge

- Adopting an Air Force rigger badge
- Authorizing the phoenix raven personnel to wear raven tab on BDU or new Air Force utility uniform
- Authorizing a Survival Evasion Resistance Escape arch
- Authorizing permanent wear of U.S. Army Ranger tab or patch
- Authorizing permanent wear of a combat patch
- Authorizing permanent wear of foreign military badges on the service or mess dress uniform (current AFI guidance still applies)
- Authorizing physical training uniform unisex-shirt to fit women better
- Authorizing major command commanders to permit wear of desert combat uniform -- only exception: per 97th AFUB, these uniforms may be worn enroute to the basic combat convoy course
- Deleting button tab from men's service uniform pants
- Removal, placement or changing the color of the commanders badge

### 12th AF takes new name, mission

### by Capt. Esmeralda Silvestre

Air Forces Southern (12th Air Force) provisional Public Affairs

DAVIS-MONTHAN AIR FORCE BASE, Ariz. — Head-quarters 12th Air Force took on an expanded mission and new name Tuesday.

As part of the Air Force transformation, the 12th Air Force transitioned into a war fighting headquarters and became Air Forces Southern (12th Air Force) provisional.

"Along with the name change AFSOUTH is also changing its mission focus to a full-time Air Force component for U.S. Southern Command," said Mr. Terry Lingrel, AFSOUTH chief of manpower.

"The AFSOUTH commander has been designated as a standing Combined Forces Air and Space Component Commander with a Combined Air Operation Center that directly supports SOUTHCOM," he said. - (AFPN)

### Submission guidelines

Submissions to the *Sunburst* are due by close of business Friday one week prior to the expected publication date.

For consideration, submissions may be e-mailed to 49fw.pa.sunburst@holloman.af.mil or brought to building 29, suite 2800.

Submissions to the *Sunburst* must include: event title, date, time, place, a brief description of the event, the first and last names and ranks and a phone number or e-mail address for contact information.

Meeting deadlines does not guarantee that information will run. All information must be edited before being published in the *Sunburst*, and submissions run on a priority, spaceavailable basis.

### **SPORTS**



Photo by Senior Airman Terri Barriere

### **Hook shot**

A member of the 49 MXS basketball team takes a shot during Wednesday's game against the 49 MDG. The 49 MXS team won the game.

### BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD

### Large Unit Intramural Basketball League

Team	Won	Lost	Tie	Pct.	Streak	PF	PA
49 MXS	10	1	0	.909	Won 2	648	432
49 AMXS	7	2	0	.778	Won 7	441	389
49 MDG	7	3	0	.700	Lost 2	468	351
49 LRS	4	6	0	.400	Won 3	423	452
49 MMG	4	7	0	.364	Lost 2	408	477
49 MXS/AMMO	2	7	0	.222	Lost 3	317	422
49 SFS	1	9	0	.100	Lost 3	266	448

### Small Unit Intramural Basketball League

Team	Won	Lost	Tie	Pct.	Streak	PF	PA
46 TG	10	1	0	.909	Won 6	602	433
49 CONS	8	4	Ö	.667	Won 1	581	492
49 SVS	7	5	0	.583	Won 1	583	543
49 OSS A	6	5	0	.545	Lost 1	586	545
49 OSS B	3	9	0	.250	Lost 1	542	654
49 CS	1	11	0	.083	Lost 4	422	649

See page 19 for more standings

# 49th Maintenance Precision Measurement Equipment Laboratory Holloman's measurement gurus are 'precisely' what the Air Force needs

**by Senior Airman Terri Barriere** 49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The need for equipment to not only work efficiently the first time tested but be accurate as well, often brings customers knocking on the doors of the Precision Measurement Equipment Laboratory.

It's a game of numbers at PMEL. They test, repair, adjust and calibrate test measurement and diagnostic equipment.

"We provide support and service to everyone out there, not just flight line folks," Tech. Sgt. Larry MCentire, 49th MXS electronic section supervisor. "We're quality calibration at it's best," he said.

Master Sgt. Marcus Brown, TMDE flight chief, said calibration is a process that compares a known accurate item against an unknown item to determine its accuracy.

"There is a hierarchy of accuracy and standard equipment that is used to make these comparisons," said the sergeant. "The most accurate Air Force standards are maintained by the National Institute of Science and Technology. These are used by the Air Force Primary Standards Laboratory to calibrate the base reference standards that we use here at Holloman. We use these standards to calibrate our own, and our customers TMDE."

The lab here calibrates electronic and physical dimensional measuring for many different organizations on base. The type of equipment on varies from torque wrenches to spectrum analyzers.

The current annual production for all TMDE at Holloman is 10, 449 maintenance actions on more than 8, 000 items and according to Sergeant Brown, out of the 16 PMELS in ACC, Holloman's is the only one with the capacity to support research, development, testing and evaluation programs, in addition to other operational and support functions.

"Our career field is based on metrology, the science and art of weights and measures," said Sergeant Brown. "It is considered both a science and an art because it requires both technical expertise and learned, hands-on technique."

Sergeant Brown said the mission to ensure measuring traceability, providing quality services, and maintaining Air Force Metrology and Calibration certification is completed by staying focused on the day to day basics: training, maintaining solid practices, reinforcing work ethic, and quality.

"We ensure accurate, reliable and safe air and space systems performance," he said. "By ensuring the accuracy of our customer's TMDE we help place bombs on target and bring our warriors, and their equipment, home safely."



Senior Airman Joshua Dupree (right), PMEL journeyman, calibrates a collimator. A collimator is used to simulate distances; this technology can be used to aid aircraft in target acquisition.



Photos by Senior Airman Terri Barriere

Tech. Sgt. Torsten Post, German air force calibration technician, calibrates a pressure gauge in the German Precision Measurement Equipment Laboratory here.



Mr. Roger Myers, 49th MXS calibration technician, adjusts a vacuum gauge in the Holloman PMEL.

### Tops in Blue '06 takes the stage in Alamogordo







Hundreds of Holloman attendees watched the show in the nearly-filled Tays Center.



Tech. Sgt. Shane Armstrong, guitarist, has been with Tops in Blue since March.

Tops in Blue have been performing for Air Force audiences around the world for more than 30 years. They brought their stage show to Alamogordo's Tays Center Saturday.



Brig. Gen. Kurt Cichowski, 49th Fighter Wing commander, jokes about the Tops in Blue trombone player 'horning in' on his action.



Senior Airman Erika Placencia, a Tops in Blue vocalist, belts out a tune.

### **HOLLOMAN HERO**



### Airman 1st Class Neal N. Uranga 49th Communications Squadron

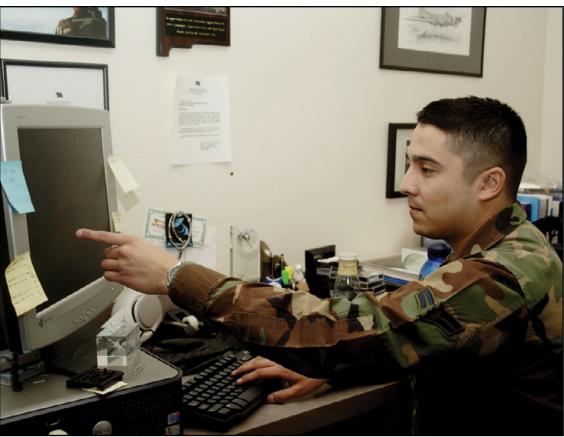


Photo by Airman 1st Class Heather Frady

**Duty title**: video production-documentation journeyman

Time in service: two years

Time at Holloman: 18 months

Home town: West Covina, Ca-

lif.

**Personal and career goals:** Once I separate from the Air Force I plan to become a professional film editor with a major film studio and start my own video production company.

Why is serving in the Air Force important to you? Serving in the Air Force is important to me for many reasons. It has given me an opportunity to pay for my education, to see parts of this country I've never been to, to meet people from all walks of life, to have a mission, a goal and a purpose every day, and to fulfill my potential.

What is the highlight of your Holloman tour? Taking the back seat in a T-38 Talon incentive flight.

What is your favorite quote? "I'd rather remain quiet and be thought an idiot, than open my mouth and be proven so." – Benjamin Franklin

What motivates you to be a better Airman? The Uniform Code of Military Justice.

How do you set an example for other troops? I set an example by being truly dedicated to my job, completing the mission at hand and never backing down from a challenge.

Save a wingman's life. Volunteer.

**572-RIDE** 

### COMMENTARY

## Support your subordinates, prepare them for transformed Air Force Airmen will be agents of change meeting new demands in future

**by Col. Matt Adkins**49th Medical Group commander

Professional military education programs are steeped in leadership training. We learn to plan, organize, direct and control processes to meet mission requirements. We give feedback and hold people accountable for their actions.

But do we learn to support our subordinates? Do we learn to prepare them for the future or are we caught up in a "tell, do, correct" cycle?

Here are a few tips to help you support your subordinates, build a better team and prepare for the future:

- Set clear expectations. Give your subordinates clear guidance. Define success. Your Airmen need to know what the true measure of success is.
- Show your subordinates how to complete the job and set them up for success

on the next one. Show them the "see one, do one, teach one" approach where they watch a complete job, do the job themselves and then teach someone else how to do the job. When they can teach another Airman how to do the job, you know they truly understand it.

- Thank them for their efforts, praise them for good work and give constructive criticism when necessary. Be honest, but positive.
- Seek their input for doing work better, faster and differently. Junior members of an organization often have much greater insight into our processes than senior leaders realize. Take advantage of their perspective to learn what you are doing that doesn't make sense.
- Delegate increasingly more challenging responsibilities to your Airmen. Develop your subordinates to take care of business when you are not around. Let

them stand on their own two feet.

• Stand behind them. Support their well-intentioned efforts, even if they do not do the job the way you would do it.

"Junior members of an organization often have much greater insight into our processes than senior leaders realize.."

- Col. Matt Adkins 49th MDG commander

Let them have their own successes.

- Hold them accountable for their performance. Teach them that with authority comes responsibility. Promotions bring more authority and therefore, more responsibility.
  - · Accept responsibility for their

performance and the outcome of their efforts. In other words, watch their backs! When they have done everything you've asked and things go wrong, accept responsibility. When they have done everything you've asked and things go well, give them all the credit.

Communicate with your subordinates openly, honestly and often. Build a learning organization, one in which everyone can contribute.

Does this sound a bit esoteric for a military organization? Aren't we the "just do what I say" types? Not any more, we're not. If you haven't heard of 'transformation' yet, you soon will.

Transformation will drive us to more efficient use of limited resources. Airmen will have to be change agents to meet the new demands of the future. There is no room for those who want to live in the past or play in the present.

### **BRIEFS**

### **Arnold Avenue**

"Repair Arnold Avenue, Phase Two" started Monday. Arnold Avenue is closed from First Street to just west of Cliffrose Street. No left turns are allowed on Arnold Avenue.

School operations and Desert Estates housing will be impacted the most and people should take precautions in the construction zone. Housing occupants will use Sumac Street as the only entrance and exit. Student drop off and pick up will be at the thoroughfare off Arizona Avenue. Please use extra caution and patience in the work area.

Estimated completion date for the project is early April. For more information, contact Ms. Lesalee Arana at 572-7754.

### Internships

Applications are being accepted now through March 1 for Sen. Pete Domenici's 2006 summer intern program. The program will run in two sessions, with the first running May 17 to June 18, and the second from June 29 to Aug. 11. Collegeage students who either reside in New Mexico or attend a four-year school in New Mexico are eligible. Those selected to work in Washington will receive a \$2,100 stipend for their internship.

Applicants must have completed as least one year of study at an institution of higher learning. New Mexico residents and/or students will receive priority in the selection process.

Applications are available on Senator Domenici's Web site, http://domenici.senate.gov. For more information about the program and internship responsibilities, email internships@domenici.senate.gov or call (202) 224-6621. Applications must be postmarked by March 1. Interviews and selections will take place during the month of March and notification of acceptance by April 1.

### **Cashier activities**

Due to manning shortages, the 49th Comptroller Squadron will suspend cashier activities during the Phase 1 Operational Readiness Exercise. Cashiers will not be available during normal business hours from March 3 to March 8. Cashier hours will return to normal on March 9. The customer service

office will be open during the ORE. For more information, contact Capt. Jeremy Taylor at 572-0029.

### Sausage Sale

The Company Grade OfficerA Council will sell pre-ORE Phase 1 breakfast sausage wraps from 5:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. March 2 in front of the Mini Mart, at the Chapel annex and in the headquarters building lobby. Each wrap is \$1.50.

Pre-orders are available, email Capt. Jeremy Taylor at *Jeremy.taylor@holloman.af.mil* and include how many wraps are desired and what time they will be picked up from the Chapel annex.

### Oktoberfest logo competition

The German Air Force Flying Training Center is looking for a logo for this year's Oktoberfest. The logo should be saved in a .jpg format and should include the following points:

- "10. Oktoberfest" and "Holloman," there should be no year in the logo
- The U.S. and German flags, possibly the Bavarian flag (blue and white diamonds) or other symbols that characterize the two countries
  - The sun of New Mexico
- The F-117A and the German fighter-bomber Tornado
- Some typical symbols of the Oktoberfest, such as steins, mugs, pretzels or instruments

The winner of the competition gets a one-hour flight over the Alamogordo area.

All logos should be submitted to 1st Lt. Alexander Gloeckler at *AlexanderGloeckler@bundeswehr.* org by Feb. 28.

### Roller hockey

The Alamogordo Roller Hockey Association has open player registration 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 24 at the Alamogordo roller hockey rink on Dale Scott Avenue across from Yucca Elementary School. Fees are \$45 for new players. Age categories are 10 and under, 14 and under, 17 and under and adults. Coaches and referees are always welcome and needed. For more information, contact Brent at 479-4378, Klaus at 437-2381 or Steve at 434-3960.

### YMCA competition

The Armed Services YMCA

is sponsoring an essay contest for military children. Information and entry paperwork can be found on the Web at www.asymca.org. Essay contest entries must be postmarked by March 17.

### **Briefings**

This month's First-term Airman Informed Decision Briefing will begin at 7:50 a.m. Tuesday at the Professional Development Center, building 451. This briefing is mandatory for all first-term Airmen within 15 months or less of their date of separation.

The Second-term Airman Career Briefing will begin 1 p.m. Thursday at the Professional Development Center. This briefing is mandatory for all second-term Airman within 15 months or less of their date of separation.

Uniform wear is mandatory. Mil-to-mil couples are encouraged to attend together. For more information, call Master Sgt. Laura Santos, Team Holloman career assistance advisor, at 572-5512.

### **Dependent IDs**

The Air Force Publishing Distribution Center has announced they are out of DD Forms 1173, Dependent ID cards.

DD Form 1172 in lieu of ID card: The card recipient will carry the expired/expiring ID card along with a printed DD Form 1172 reverified every 90 days at Military Personnel Flight Customer Service, ID Card Section. All dependents who need this form must have their sponsors or current Powers of Attorney with them at the time of re-verification.

Remarks block 89 will be highlighted with the dependent's date of return to the MPF for a new, reverified form until new card stock is received. MPF will verbally advise the recipient to return every 90 days.

Updates will be provided as available. For more information, contact Mr. Randall Yoder, MPF Customer Service, 572-0064.

### **Medical Group**

The 49th Medical Group will be closed Monday to observe President's Day. The 49th MDG will also be closed Feb. 24 to allow medics to participate in the wing family day.

### **CROSSWORD**

### **Commanders in Chief**

#### Across

- 1. Bhutan capital
- 7. Faucet
- 10. Crazy \_\_\_ loon
- 13. NBA "bad boy" Dennis
- 14. Mining goal
- 15. 41st or 43rd President
- 17. 34th President
- 19. Food fish
- 20. Pot-au-\_\_\_; French meats and vegetables dish
- 21. Cooker
- 22. WeightWatcher goal
- 26. 7th President Jackson
- 29. Theater system
- 30. Enter again
- 32. Singer Horne
- 33. Most gloomy
- 37. Hair product
- 38. A-Team actor
- 39. Keep \_\_\_ tongue from
- 40. Millipede or centipede
- 44. Male red deer
- 46. Bother
- 47. Office supply company
- 48. Correctly
- 51. 16th president
- 53. Garden spot
- 54. 36-2903
- 55. Fury
- 56. 1st President
- 63. Sultan
- 64. Oklahoma town
- 65. Store (fodder) in a silo
- 66. Concorde, in brief
- 67. Dem.'s opposite
- 68. Matched up

### Down

- 1. Cuba in Boyz n the Hood
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- 3. Mil. CAC cards
- 4. Married French woman, in short
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  - 10. Loathe
  - 11. Debonair
  - 12. Slanted
  - 16. Chicken
  - 18. Farthest away
  - 22. Rapper Kim
  - 23. Greek letter
  - 24. More reasonable
  - 25. Celebrate
  - 26. Shiite religious authority
  - 27. Nat'l talk radio
  - 28. Opus
  - 31. Maryland players
  - 34. Moral
  - 35. Stiff, cylindrical military dress
  - hat

- 36. Austria and Italy neighbor
- 41. TMO items
- 42. Stadium cheer
- 43. Makes a god of
- 45. SpikeTV once
- 48. 2nd or 6th President
- 49. Kelly's co-host
- 50. Languid
- 52. Fool
- 53. Before, poetically
- 56. Fray
- 57. Sweetened beverage
- 58. Resin
- 59. Home to "Let's Make A Deal"
- and "Extreme Dodgeball"
- 60. -tac-toe
- 61. Bullring cheer
- 62. Homer's neighbor

Answers on page 17

# Sexual Assault Response Coordinator

572-6789

24-7 response to victims of sexual assault and domestic violence.

### **BRIEFS**

### Legal office

Due to manning shortages, there will be no legal assistance or wills the week of March 6 through March 10. If you are in need of legal assistance and would like to schedule an appointment, contact the legal office at 572-7217.

### Eaglet adventures

Holloman Primary School is introducing an after-school program called Eaglet Adventures for their students and parents, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. starting Tuesday and continuing until May. The club will meet every Tuesday in the Holloman Primary Big Room.

For more information, call 479-6122.

### **Scholarships**

The Aerospace Education Foundation has 30 scholarships available, each for \$1,000, for active-duty Air Force spouses. Applicants must be currently enrolled in a regionally accredited college or university and hold a 3.5 or higher grade point average.

A two-page, double-spaced essay describing academic and career goals and what motivated the applicant to this decision is required. Also required are two letters of recommendation, which should be character references and descriptions of performance and potential as a student, employee or volunteer.

Applications are available on the Web at www.aef.org/aid/spouse.asp or at the Base Training and Education Office. Application deadline is April 15.

For more information, call 572-971

### At the library

Read Across America is March 2. Celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday by browsing the books on display in the children's reading room.

Call 572-3939 for more information.

### **Education survey**

In order for the Base Education Office to add new degree programs to those already offered on-base, a comprehensive needs assessment must be completed. This assessment will reveal what new programs Holloman members would like to see offered on base.

To complete the survey, go to https://afvec.langley.af.mil and click on "take the survey." On the next page in the "participate" box, scroll down the list of bases to Holloman, click and begin answering the 10 questions.

The survey will be activated until April 8. For more information, call the Education Office at 572-3971.

### Black History Month events

Storytelling at the Child Development Center, 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. today and Feb. 24. To volunteer, call Senior Master Sgt. Verna Williams at 572-5696.

Career Day, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday at the Community Center. For more information, contact Ms. Carolyn Peeler at 572-7004.

Black History Month luncheon, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Feb. 28 at the Oasis Enlisted Club. The guest speaker will be Ms. Ruby Butler DeMesme, BearingPoint executive director. Tickets are \$6.50 for club members and \$8.50 for non-members. To purchase tickets, contact group/squadron points of contact. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Gerald Schenck at 572-3356.

The trivia contest runs through Feb. 24. Trivia questionnaires can be picked up at the Base Library, Airman and Family Readiness Center and Finance Customer Service.

### **Working Out Woman**

The Working Out Woman program meets at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. There are no fees and children are welcome to accompany parents.

For more information on how this program works, please call Ms. Sue Musgrave at 479-9680.

### **Heritage Center**

The Heritage Center is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. every Saturday to all ID card holders.

### Survey

The 2005 Community Assessment Survey is just around the corner. The survey runs from March 15 to May 1. The results of the survey will be used to better respond to the needs of the Holloman community.

If you are selected to participate in the Web-based survey, please complete the survey. Computers are available at the Airman and Family Readiness Center, base library and the Community Center.

### Ministry night

The Protestant parish is holding a ministry night from 5:15 p.m. to 7 p.m. every Tuesday at the base chapel. The night opens with a light dinner provided by the chapel followed by Bible studies for men, women, teens and children. Child care is available at the chapel. For more information, call the chapel at 572-7211.

### Film festival

The White Sands Film Festival starts Thursday and runs through Feb. 26 in Alamogordo.

A number of competitive and feature films will be showing during the festival. There are also workshops, dinners and other activities.

For more information on the White Sands Film Festival, to buy tickets, all-festival passes or sponsorships, call the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts at 437-2202 or visit www.whitesandsfilmfestival.com.

### Oliver Lee park

This month at the Oliver Lee Memorial State Park:

Ranch house tour, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, meet at the visitor center. The Lee Ranch House was originally built in 1893. Furnishings and displays provide a window into the history of early ranching in the Tularosa Basin.

"The Night Sky: A Cultural Clock," 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Feb. 25 at the park group shelter. View Dog Canyon at sundown and learn about celestial cycles and how early cultures used the night sky to time their daily lives. View the stars and constellations in the dark skies over Oliver Lee Memorial State Park. Bring red-lensed flashlights and binoculars if you wish.

For information on these programs, call 437-8284.

### Rails-to-Trails

The New Mexico Rails-to-Trails

Association is holding its annual meeting 7 p.m. Feb. 24 in the First National Bank atrium at 414 10th Street in Alamogordo. The public is invited. The featured speaker is Rep. Steve Pearce, who will talk about childhood visits to Cloudcroft and the Mexican Canyon Trestle restoration

There will be at least three table displays: one containing maps of the 68-mile Enchanted Trail, one showing contents of the Rails-to-Trails Traveling Trunk and one containing interesting railroad-related material from the Sacramento Historical Museum.

The following awards will also be presented: Rusty Spike, Marion Harkey Trail Blazer, Golden Spike Award and certificates to major contributors.

Dues may also be paid during the meeting: \$10 for an individual, \$15 for a family and \$20 for a business.

Door prizes and refreshments will be offered. For more information, contact Mr. Tom Springer at 682-3040 or Mr. Phil Simpson at 434-1953.

### **Banquet**

The National Wild Turkey Federation Noel Southard Chapter is holding the Noel Southard Memorial Hunting Heritage Banquet 6 p.m. March 11 at the Otero County Fairgrounds. There will live auctions, silent auctions, raffles, door prizes, food and wildlife story swapping. The meal will be prepared and served by the local 4-H members.

For further information, call Mr. Mike Baker at 434-8356 or Ms. Elise Haley at 434-1467.



The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents from Feb. 9 to Monday:

#### Tickets issued

There were 10 tickets issued: Seven for failure to stop, two for speeding more than 15 miles over the speed limit and one for parking within 15 feet of a fire hydrant.

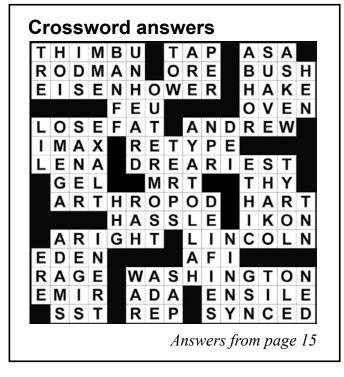
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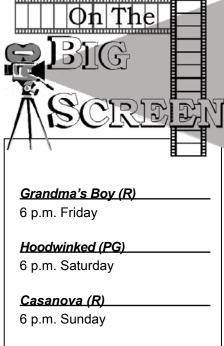
• Feb. 13: A dependent reported he had lost his wallet containing his ID card. The wallet was last seen at 9:30 p.m. Feb. 10 at Oñate High School in Las Cruces.

### Patrol response

• Feb. 9: A dependent reported she had been assaulted by an Airman who was violating a no-contact order at the base auto hobby shop. The Airman was released to a supervisor.

- Feb. 11: An unknown caller reported an injured mole at the intersection of Boeing Avenue and Lea Court.
- Feb. 11: An officer requested a patrol of a subordinate's quarters on Langley Court. The quarter's residents, an NCO and an Airman, had been engaged in a verbal dispute and a supervisor had separated them for the night. At the request of the supervisor, Security Forces took possession of three firearms from the residence and deposited them in the armory for safekeeping.
- Feb. 12: Security Forces provided an escort for F-117A tail number 782 as it was transported from hangar 868 to building 513. The aircraft had been decommissioned and was moved to building 513 for use as a training aid.
- Feb. 13: An unknown individual called the base post office and threatened suicide if her son was deployed to Iraq again. The 49th Communications Squadron traced the call to a Harrisburg, Pa. phone number. The phone number was called and the person who answered denied calling the base post office. Local authorities in Harrisburg were contacted and agreed to conduct a welfare check.
- Feb. 13: An Airman reported a dependent was having an asthma attack at a residence on Langley Court. The dependent was transported to Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center for treatment.





### **Chapel services**

**Weekday Masses** – 11:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

**Sunday** – Catholic Mass, 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

• Sacrament of Penance, 4 p.m.

- General Protestant Worship Service, 11 a.m.
- Protestant Sunday School is 9:30 a.m. and Catholic Religious Education is 10:30 a.m. at Holloman Intermediate School.

### BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD

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### Over 30 Basketball League

Team	Won	Lost	Tie	Pct.
46 MDG	9	2	0	.818
49 TG	9	3	0	.750
49 SFS	7	3	0	.700
49 MXG	7	4	0	.636
49 LRS	6	5	0	.545
49 OSS	4	6	0	.400
49 MMG	2	9	0	.182
Lady Nighthawks	0	12	0	.000
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46 MDG	Won	1	557	441
49 TG	Won	1	691	497
49 SFS	Won	5	462	381
49 MXG	Lost	1	537	455
49 LRS	Lost	1	469	459
49 OSS	Won	2	381	441
49 MMG	Lost	5	355	450
Lady Nighthawks	Lost	12	466	794

### AF team wins NFL bout

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii – In an event sponsored by the National Football League, the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines and Navy battled it out in six events that comprise the NFL Military Challenge Feb. 10. The Air Force team, made up of Hickam Air Force Base balers, took top honors, using overtime to capture the trophy.

The bluesuiters first made a mad dash for the lead; the six-person relay team each sprinted 40 yards. Claude Jennings, Chad Raper, Nathan Allen, Lester LaFrance, Daray Davis and Ryan McGovern combined to cover the 240 yards in 29.86 seconds, topping the Marines time of 30.67.

The second event, field goal kicking, was indicative of the competitive and skilled nature of the challenge. McGovern split the uprights on an impressive seven of 10 attempts. That was good enough for last place among the five kickers.

Soldier Mark Welch booted a perfect 10, soliciting a "my Colts are looking for a kicker" cry from a horseshoe-emblem-hatted spectator.

Next, Sailor Joe McGill hit the long-snap target three of eight times, taking top honors over Jennings who converted twice during the snapping competition

The punting competition had Raper sacrificing distance to ensure accuracy in swirling winds. Raper took second, booming three kicks for 92 yards, seven hash marks short of the Army's 99-yard winning tally.

Heading into the final event, the Army led by one point over Air Force, two points over Navy and three points above the Marines.

The passing competition was helmed by Jennings, who used the same skills that have earned him a 32-game-winning-streak.

The Marines took first place and the five points. With the Air Force coming in second, and the Army third, they were knotted in first place after regulation.

An overtime toss off was just what Jennings was hoping for, and he managed to snag a perfect 10 with each completed pass. – (AFPN)